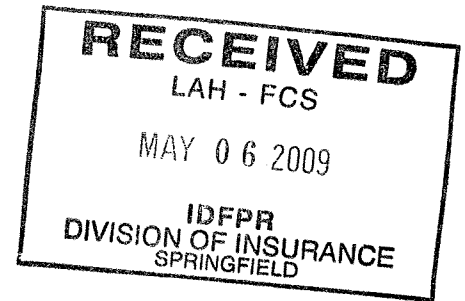




May 4, 2009

Illinois Department of Insurance  
320 West Washington Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62767



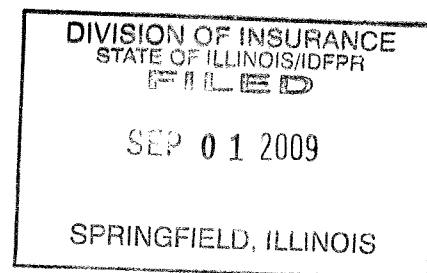
RE: Podiatry Insurance Company of America  
Company NAIC #: 14460 FEIN #: 58-1403235 ✓  
Line 11 - Medical Malpractice - Claims Made  
Podiatrists Professional Liability Program  
RATE/ Rule Filing NAME CHANGE  
Company Filing #: IL-1351-P  
Effective Date: September 1, 2009

Dear Department of Insurance:

Pursuant to Illinois' filing law, we would like to submit the attached endorsement for approval for our program. The endorsement will be used to amend our company name on our rating manual. There is no rate impact associated with the proposed changes.

We trust that the submitted materials will meet with your approval. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,  
*Latasha Knox-Campbell*  
Latasha Knox-Campbell  
Regulatory Compliance Analyst



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**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**  
Podiatry Insurance Company of America  
Podiatrists Professional Liability Program  
2009 Amendatory Rule Filing  
Company Name Change/Demutualization

**BACKGROUND**

Podiatry Insurance Company of America ("PICA") is domiciled in the State of Illinois and admitted in forty-seven (47) states and the District of Columbia. The company has historically operated as a mutual insurance company.

On October 28, 2008, PICA agreed to become a part of ProAssurance Corporation through an all cash, sponsored demutualization. ProAssurance Corporation is the nation's fifth largest writer of medical professional liability insurance. The sponsored demutualization was approved by the boards of both PICA and ProAssurance. The Plan of Conversion and Stock Purchase Agreement were both approved by the Illinois Department of Insurance (PICA's domicile regulator). All policyholders were then provided a detailed information statement concerning the proposed transaction along with a proxy statement to be used for casting their vote in favor of or in opposition to the transaction. The transaction was approved on March 31, 2009 by a vote of PICA's policyholders, and officially closed on April 1, 2009.

As a result of the sponsored demutualization, PICA has converted from a mutual company to a stock company. The company has already submitted the necessary materials for amending its certificate of authority to reflect the new company name, "Podiatry Insurance Company of America". It is important that our policyholders receive amended policy forms that reflect (1) the new legal name of the company, and (2) its conversion from a mutual to a stock insurer.

**MANUAL RULE CHANGES**

The currently filed and approved version of the company's manual rules reflects the old company name and therefore also requires updating. No other changes to the manual rules are proposed.

**1. Company Name Change Rating Manual Supplement**

This supplements our currently filed and approved manual rules with the company name change.

**PODIATRY INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA  
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**PODIATRIC  
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## PODIATRIC RATING MANUAL

### I. GENERAL RULES

This manual includes underwriting rules and regulations as they relate to underwriting for Podiatric Physician Malpractice Liability.

#### A. INSURED CLASSIFICATION

1. Preceptee: Coverage is provided for podiatric college graduates or residents entering preceptorship (apprenticeship/training) programs conducted by preceptors who are PICA policyholders. The preceptorship program must last for one year, both preceptee and preceptor must sign the Preceptorship Certificate and the preceptor must be insured by PICA. Optional Extension Coverage is issued concurrently with the policy and earned completely on the first day of the policy. Financial responsibility is with the named insured.
2. Resident: Coverage is provided for residents in an American Podiatric Medical Association Council on Podiatric Medical Education approved program or a program in candidate status. Optional Extension Coverage is issued concurrently with the policy and earned completely on the first day of the policy. Financial responsibility is with the named insured. Coverage is only for responsibilities as a part of the residency program.

Coverage requested for moonlighting must be approved by the Residency Director. If approved by the Residency Director, a new practitioner policy will be issued with the proper classification (sole practitioner or employed podiatrist). The resident must weigh the benefit of moonlighting since the new practitioner policy does not include Optional Extension Coverage (OEC coverage). The next year will be rated under the second year premium. "Documentation" is critical for the underwriting file.

a. Veterans Administration Residency: This is a modification of the existing resident policy, allowing more than one resident to be covered under one policy. The policy will cover residents during rotations outside of the Veterans Administration facility, not to exceed 261 days per premium charged. Outside rotations must be an integral part of the residency program. Individuals must be "Scheduled" on the policy with the Optional Extension Coverage endorsement being issued upon receipt of the final audit from the residency program. This ensures proper documentation of outside rotations as well as appropriate premium charges. Financial responsibility of this policy is contracted by signature with the residency director on the "Schedule." Risk management

## **RATING MANUAL SUPPLEMENT – COMPANY NAME CHANGE**

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The company name, wherever it appears in the attached rating manual, is hereby amended to read:

**Podiatry Insurance Company of America**

